



Viewpoint

Confused or what.....

Heathrow

I recently sat in the normal traffic jam on the M25, and looking round I realised I was in the middle of what will be the 3rd runway. Looking from side to side I noted the 6 or 7 carriageways in each direction where roads join and leave, with the major M4 junction just ahead. It then struck me that I was sat on a gentle slope where the M25 rises up to cross the M4.

No wonder there is no current plan! A tunnel could not exit in time to rise up over the M4 without 4-wheel drive! And the runway ramp would most definitely have the characteristics of an aircraft carrier.

This all makes sense of a recent meeting I had with Gatwick Airport Limited when I asked why they were so much further on with their planning than Heathrow? Their answer was ... "well it's so simple here".

With clients on the adjacent London Road, including a 1200 place detention centre, all to be relocated, I am sure that this is just the start of a very long process and the yet to be approved 2nd runway at Gatwick might still be delivered first!

Brexit

After Mrs May has had her weekend away cabinet meeting at Chequers, would it not be a good idea to invite the other

27 European leaders the following weekend to agree a mutual arrangement. Reading between the lines they are as fed up with Mr Barnier and team as we are.

And another thing..... the vote was to leave the EU, not Europe. The media would have us believe that the ropes will be severed, and our island will float off into the sunset, weighed down only by the Irish tender behind! We are still part of Europe, but the electorate decided it did not want to be part of a club moving ever towards a Federal State.

The big shock in all of this, which ever way you voted, is undoubtedly the complexity of the relationship we are in, with the numerous strands in everything we do weaving their way back to Brussels.

Housing

Despite the government's rhetoric and the latest figures of a 4M housing unit shortfall, has anyone seen any changes with the Town Planning process, or a willingness of District Councils or Parishes with their Neighbourhood Plans to be more accommodating to individuals or small developers wishing to build a few houses here and there. The 'presumption' in favour of development quite clearly has a different meaning in small towns and villages.

The one off and small batches of houses that gives this Country so much of its character are being lost to the large estate with the National House Builders becoming the only people who can afford to get applications through the Planning Process, where outline applications for development principles are leading to more and more detailed information being required before an application is even registered!

Something has to give soon!

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PPN Events

It has been difficult recently to get the necessary numbers to attend the events being organised to make them viable. It is evident that many of our lives have become busier and the timing and location of events might not be suitable for all.

We are always willing to listen to suggestions, so please contact Madeleine if you have preferred times and dates and which type of event would appeal to you. We can be very flexible to try to accommodate as many members as possible.



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Future events

*A varied programme is proposed, with some events having been finalised (see below) **and others which are still in the process of being organised, such as the Annual Lunch at the House of Lords and a Networking evening for members.** PPN members are invited to attend events organised by the University College of Estate Management (UCEM), 3CPD Ltd, the Lunchtime Comment Club (LCC) and the Construction & Property Lunch Club.*

Construction & Property Lunch Club – Wednesday 22 August 2018

12.30pm – 1.00pm at the Savile Club, 69 Brook Street, London W1.

Anyone with an interest in construction and/or property is invited to attend.

Cost: £70pp. **First timers half-price.** Price includes choice of hot buffet (plus starters, puddings, cheese, and coffee). If you wish to attend please e-mail Dave Owen - dwo@pengaron.co.uk

Lunchtime Comment Club Autumn Lunch – Thursday 4 October 2018

Aperitifs from 12.00pm, with lunch starting at 12.45pm at the RAC Club, Pall Mall, London W1

Cost: £60pp. Guest Speaker to be announced.

Building Surveyors' Oxford Briefing Conference – Friday 12 October 2018

9.00am-5.30pm at Culham Science Centre, nr Abingdon OX14 3DB

Join 120+ delegates at this year's Oxford Briefing. The programme consists of the usual variety of professional and technical talks, covering traditional and modern building surveying topics, adding up to seven hours of CPD.

PPN Annual Lecture: Prof Tony Travers from the London School of Economics on 'The Future for Transport in London – Where will the money come from?'

5.30pm at Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London WC2

Cost: £25 for PPN members, non-members and guests, £15 for UCEM alumni, £10 for UCEM student members. CPD eligible.

PPN Autumn Golf Day at Denham – Thursday, 1 November 2018

Bacon roll and coffee, 18 holes of golf, followed by lunch. Further details to follow shortly.

PPN Wine Tasting and AGM – Thursday 22 November 2018

Venue to be confirmed – 5.30pm AGM, 5.35pm Wine Tasting.

Heading for a Century

Many of you will know that UCEM is currently well into its 99th year and during 2019 the Institution will formally be celebrating 100 years of operation since its foundation in 1919. It is truly amazing to reflect upon the incredible contribution which UCEM has made throughout its long and distinguished history with well over 150,000 students having been supported in their studies, and yet one can argue that even greater opportunities lie ahead in our very near-term future.

We have enjoyed a successful journey over the last few years as we aim to be the Leading, Vocational Online University. As an institution we are in a strong position as a result, as well as being poised for further success. Our growth strategy means we are now double the size we were in 2012/13 – both in terms of student numbers and revenues; our focus on academic excellence has resulted in two highly successful Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) reviews; and we have fully delivered on our goal of full independence with the move to our new offices and just a handful of students remaining on our 'legacy' University of Reading programmes. Further to all of this UCEM has embraced the Apprenticeship agenda unlike any other Higher Education Institution, and is now without question *the* vocational market leader, added to which we categorically lead the way in the provision of flexible, online Higher Education.



Given the demands of the Built Environment Industry, it seems as if UCEM's relevance has never been greater than today. We have over 4,000 students currently studying across Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes, from well over 100 countries worldwide. We also know that over 90% of UCEM students study whilst in full-time employment, which can only be enabled through our continued focus on providing education which is accessible and flexible. Furthermore, the industry we serve is desperately short of qualified people, and many studies point out the ongoing and future skills shortages within the Built Environment. Our own Built Environment Skills Summit (held in October of 2017) reconfirmed the magnitude of the issue, and further highlighted that there are major issues with fragmentation within the industry which are preventing the right solutions from being put in place.

At UCEM it seems ever more important then, that we continue to strive to provide the answer for all students who wish to study for qualifications which relate to the essential Built Environment disciplines. We will continue to deliver the accredited Higher Education programmes needed in a flexible and accessible way, as well as seeking to influence industry bodies and Government wherever possible, in order to make an even greater impact. Clearly, the Apprenticeship agenda remains a key dimension in solving the skills

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shortage, which is why I am so proud of UCEM's leadership in this area and the way in which we demonstrated such agility in responding to the opportunity, resulting in our leadership position as one of the largest providers of Degree Apprenticeships in the country. Furthermore, we continue to offer great value for money to all students, with our Undergraduate course fees being typically 40% lower than other Institutions.

Underlying it all, we remain true to our core purpose, our charitable mission, and the Royal Charter which underpins it: to provide truly accessible, relevant and cost-effective education which enhances careers, increases professionalism and ultimately creates a better Built Environment. I have little doubt that this will stand the Institution in very good stead as we transition into our second century.

Ashley Wheaton
UCEM Principal

PPN events

Brunel Building, Paddington – Presentation by Derwent London

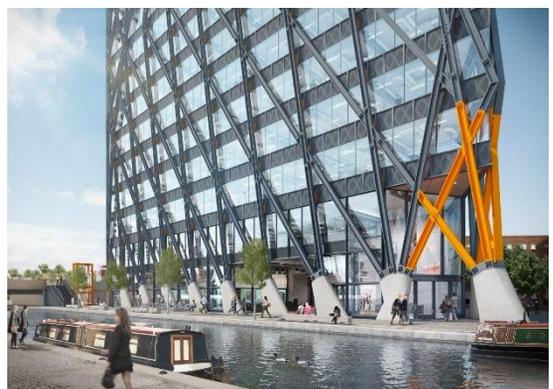
Tuesday 16 January 2018

19 PPN members, UCEM student members and guests gathered on Derwent London's Marketing Barge in Paddington Basin to hear about this 243,000 sq ft £116m office scheme which will complete in the first half of 2019. The Brunel Building is at the heart of the Paddington Basin regeneration area and, when the Crossrail interchange joins the existing mainline and underground stations in 2018, will be one of the best connected locations in London.

Designed by Fletcher Priest, the 16 storey building has an innovative external diagrid structure enabling column free floorplates for modern, flexible office accommodation. There will be two large roof terraces on the upper floors and a new public area will be created on the waterside.

The Brunel Building is one of a number of new schemes at North Wharf Road that will complete the regeneration of this historic waterfront as Paddington re-establishes itself as the gateway to the city.

Madeleine Savage
PPN Secretary



Old Royal Naval College Painted Hall Ceiling Tours

25 October 2017 and 17 April 2018

On Wednesday 25th October PPN had a tour of the Painted Hall at the Royal Naval College Greenwich. This was a unique tour because at the moment restoration of the ceiling is taking place and we were able to climb the 72 steps up the scaffolding to see the ceiling from a matter of eight feet rather than the 70 feet if viewed from the floor of the building.

The Building was designed by Sir Christopher Wren and painted by Sir James Thornhill between 1707 and 1726. Because of the changing political scene he had to make several changes during the 19 years he spent on the project. It was originally a grand dining room for men invalided out of the Navy but it soon became a ceremonial place and reserved for special functions. Admiral Lord Nelson laid in state here following his death in 1806.

The ceiling covers 40,000 square feet and has the accession of William and Mary to the throne in 1688 and George I in 1714 as its centrepiece. In addition to covering the four seasons and the signs of the



zodiac it also depicts the European political changes, scientific and cultural achievements, naval endeavours and commercial enterprise. There are around 200 figures and the characters are allegorical, mythological, historical and contemporary.

The restoration will overall take two years to complete and they are currently about half way through.

A further tour group of 18 members and guests enjoyed this tour on 17 April.

Jeremy Mortimer
PPN Treasurer



Spring Golf Day at Tandridge Golf Club

April 2018

What a glorious day PPN had for their golf day at Tandridge on Thursday 19th April. Clear blue skies and temperatures in the twenties. The course was in very good condition considering the appalling weather we had until early summer this year.

Twenty four members and guests teed off on the 1st and 10th tees after coffee and bacon rolls with some mixed results but enjoyed by all. The golf was followed by the usual excellent 'Tandridge lunch' and after everyone had had their fill prize giving.

This year we had a longest drive competition on the 17th which was won by Ivor Edwards and also a nearest the pin on the 15th which was won by David Ross.

The guests were clearly the better golfers with Bob Appleby coming in third with 32 points. In second place with 33 points was Chris Brazier but the winner with a magnificent 43 points was Bob Birthwright with one birdie and six pars.

In third place for the members was Don Ford with 29 points who was beaten into second place by John Edgcumbe also with 29 points but with a better back nine. The winning member was Nigel Vaughan with a superb 37 points.

The year's **Autumn Golf Day** will be at Denham Golf Club **on Thursday 1st November 2018.**

Jeremy Mortimer
Treasurer



*Ivor Edwards (above left) –
Winner of the Longest Drive*



*Bob Birthwright (above left) –
Winner of the Guests*



*David Ross (above right) –
Winner of Nearest the Pin*



*Nigel Vaughan (above left) –
Winning Member*

3CPD Ltd – News

3CPD recently held a half-day workshop *Fire and Tall Buildings* attended by around 40 surveyors from local organisations. The speaker for the workshop, Neil Badley, Head of Technical Services at MLM Building Control, stepped through Part B of the Building Regulations, with references to Lakanal House, Grenfell Tower and elsewhere, and implementation of the regulations through Approved Documents, British Standards and fire engineering.

Neil Badley will also be one of the speakers at this year's Building Surveyors' Oxford Briefing, taking place on Friday, 12 October 2018 at Culham Science Centre, near Abingdon. We're planning for up to 150 delegates to attend this year for a full day's CPD on building surveying matters at a cost of only £89.00 for PPN members. Full details will be published in early July at www.3cpd.co.uk.

A reminder - RICS APC candidates may attend all of our evening events for free and are eligible for the 3CPD subscribers' discount for other events, including the Oxford Briefing 2018. It's encouraging to see some APC candidates taking up this offer, but we know there are more surveyors out there studying for their APC who would benefit, so we would be delighted if you would spread the word.

Further details of all 3CPD events are available at www.3cpd.co.uk

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UCEM Course Start Dates – Autumn 2018

Postgraduate courses will start on 3rd September 2018. Apply by 6th August 2018.

Undergraduate courses will start on 1st October 2018. Apply by 3rd September 2018.

Apprenticeships Postgraduate will start 3 September 2018. Apply by 9th July 2018.

Apprenticeship Undergraduate will start on 1 October 2018. Apply by 6th August 2018.

• For updated course information and future dates please visit UCEM's website
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